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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
3/12	March Meeting – 550-mile Adirondack Trail Ride Race
4/9	April Meeting – Living a season in Puerto Rico
4/15	Breckenridge trip applications open

We meet the second Thursday of the month at the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Schenectady at 7 pm.

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SWC Events

March SWC Meeting Program: The Adirondack Trail Ride

On the second Friday of September, the clock starts on a 587-mile self-supported mountain bike race circumnavigating the Adirondack Park. The clock doesn't stop until racers finish the route or quit. After five years and 56 racers, only 32 have finished. Fewer than five have ever done the route end-to-end twice, and to date only two have completed the route three times. Mike and Jody are those two and—while self-proclaiming themselves not "real" cycling racers—they nonetheless toed the line for four years. The uniqueness of the Adirondacks and a bit of trail magic brought them back year after year.

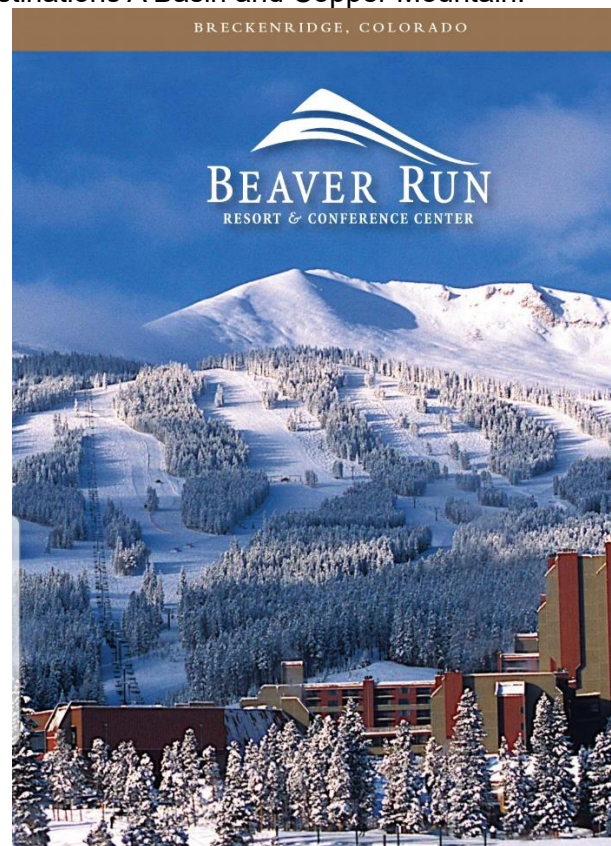
Mike Feldman and Jody Dixon share stories of their rides and contrast how differently they approach the challenge of The Adirondack Trail Ride. The thrills begin as usual at 7 PM, preceded by the pizza at 6:30, at the Hibernian Hall, 1748 State St. Come on out and share them. The date is March 12.

SWC to Breckenridge 2021: Sign-up

Begins March 15

The Schenectady Wintersports Club announces an exclusive opportunity for SWC winter sports enthusiasts to Breckenridge, Colorado, one of the great vacation centers of the Rocky Mountains, February 27 to March 6, 2021.

Lodging at the spacious Beaver Run Resort, SWC members will have six days of great skiing and winter adventure. Located right on the slopes of Breckenridge Ski Resort, Beaver Run is at the base of Peak 9, just steps away from Breck's Beaver Run Super Chair. Breckenridge and its nearby neighbor Keystone are Epic pass locations, while less than 30 minutes away on free local buses, you will find Ikon destinations A Basin and Copper Mountain.



"Breck," as it is called, needs little hype as it offers 2,900 skiable acres with 40% high alpine terrain. Its 34 lifts service 3,400 vertical from peak elevation of 13,000 feet.

And for those who prefer, there is the Breckenridge Nordic Center offering 1,400 acres of cross-country Nordic and snowshoeing trails. The trails travel in and through the town's protected Cucumber Gulch Preserve and up in the High Country in the New Nordic World under Peaks 6 and 7. Experience pristine legendary forests with soaring mountain views.

Beaver Run Resort has interconnected skywalks to all its numerous amenities. Onsite there are 5 restaurants/bars, 2 pool complexes with 9 hot tubs, steam room, sauna, workout room, a spa for that special treat, and a whole lot more. It has lots of common spaces to gather with your friends as well as private meeting spaces for our group events. The property also has a ski rental area and a retail shop.

And to top it off, there is historic Breckenridge, a great town just down the hill with amazing restaurants, shops, and more activities. It's only a short walk or free shuttle away.

The trip includes round trip air from Albany to Denver, ground transportation (including luggage handling) to Beaver Run Resort, 7 nights in a 2-bedroom, 2-bath suite, as well many fun activities such as happy hours and a group dinner. All this for \$1375. Please note that ski tickets are not included in this price as most downhill skiers will want to purchase an Epic pass and Nordic skiers will appreciate the very affordable daily Nordic trail pass. SWC wants to offer options, so let us know if you want to book your own air and ground travel, what kind of tickets you may want to purchase, or even if you want to upgrade to a private room.

Due to the popularity of this location, group rooms sell out very early. So, SWC has agreed to sign a contract to save our spots, which we expect to sell very quickly. The registration form will be on the website in early March with trip sign-up opening March 15. A \$175 deposit and your completed registration form will reserve your travel to Breck 2021.

Wellness Walks Wilton Center

by John Rack

Enjoy nature with others looking to get outside! The walk is geared towards gentle exercise and is for participants at basic fitness levels. On March 23, it will be led by Linda Hovious, fitness instructor from the Saratoga Y. Snowshoes are available for rent 30 minutes before programs, free for members or \$3.00 for non-members. If there is no snow, programs will take place without snowshoes. Registration is greatly appreciated.

Mondays at 11:00 am
March 9th and 23rd
April 6th and 27th

28th Annual SWC Weekend at Adirondack Rock and River Lodge – February 6-9, 2020

Deep, puffy new snow gave 23 SWC members nearly endless, hard-earned winter outdoor fun. The arrival for most during Friday's storm presented challenges aplenty. Wisely, Marian and Tony decided not to brave the trip, though their company was greatly missed this year. One attendee turned back at Exit 18 as the Northway glazed over, deciding to try again the next day. Other intrepid souls journeyed on from as far as New Paltz. Each successive driver arrived with new tales of seeing other vehicles off the road, of creeping along in rain, then ice, slush and finally the rapidly heaping mounds of snow, with rising gales of wind. Trees fell across the roadways, stopping progress even on the lanes of the Northway, resulting in a pickup truck traveler producing a chainsaw from his pickup to help clear the way. Thankfully all arrived safely, ready to unpack and head out to "play."

The weekend's activities this year ranged from taking advantage of the adjoining Jackrabbit Trail with superb conditions, using the groomed trails of Cascade and Mt. Van Hoevenberg, snowshoeing near Lake Placid, backcountry skiing to Whiteface Landing and to Marcy Dam, walking the long access road by day

and by full moonlight, and alpine skiing at Whiteface Mountain. Wintersports galore!! The bright sunshine pouring into the common room area lured some to enjoy time there. Others headed to Saranac Lake for the Winter Carnival or Lake Placid to explore.



Our Friday evening gathering was warmed by the massive stone fireplace of the Climber's Lodge as the guests produced one after another yummy food item to share. A full day of Saturday adventures was capped with a sumptuous potluck buffet in the dining room of the Guide's House, stories and laughter. Many more food items emerged Sunday night to feed the



hungry adventurers. Such talented cooks!! As in past years, there were trays of "maple sugar on snow," fondly known as "toads on snow" traditionally by the family of the cook. The Lodge

provided the usual delicious and bountiful breakfasts each morning. Many thanks to Ed and Teresa and Lynn, Jenny and Julia for such devoted care of our group! Also to the plow drivers (and, this year, to 2 AAA responders for their service calls). We were pampered in the cozy comfort of the beautiful lodges.

This year we were joined by 8 new attendees as well as 4 visitors to join the fun. All expressed hopes to return. Next year the dates are Feb. 5-8, including Super Bowl Sunday.



With this year's popularity of the lodge's new ping pong table, the football game room may be second

choice. Contacts for available space: mhlitwin@nycap.rr.com or fherve@nycap.rr.com.

Editorials

Traveling During Ski Season

by John Bidell

Just got back from traveling in the southwest and was watching the great conditions out West. We have also had some good opportunities to ski in the East and I hope you will take advantage of March/April conditions and book a stay at the house. Club members continue to enjoy our newly-renovated house. We will continue to upgrade the bar, kitchen, and exterior. Please read other articles in the chatter for work weekend specifics, pass offerings, and trip

offerings.

The club is offering a February 27 through March 6, 2021 ski trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. The trip is priced at \$1375, which includes airfare, 4-person condo, and ground transportation. There are both Ikon and Epic mountains close by, so you will be responsible for your own lift tickets. Trip participants receive a club membership.

We are also offering free club membership if you purchase either the Ikon or Epic through the Club website link. One to a customer. With the Epic pass, you have the opportunity to ski a mix of Stowe, Hunter, Okemo, and Mt. Snow at home. The Ikon pass also has many Eastern mountains to enjoy, including Killington, Stratton, Sugarbush and Sunday River. Either pass gives access to many Western mountains as well.

Please remember that we will be having the first annual paintathon work weekend in May. We hope to get at least the road side and the parking lot side painted. BBQ and adult beverages will be in abundance.

I know each of my articles try to highlight the advantages of using the house. It is available all year long, and we will be offering a mountain bike weekend, a bike touring weekend, and a paddling weekend. If you can make the work weekend for three days, you could stay for free all three weekends. All help, all skill levels are appreciated and needed.

Spring Work Weekend May 21-24

by Bill Kornrumpf

The Spring Spruce Up the Clubhouse work weekend will start on Thursday, May 21, and continue through Sunday, May 24. We have found that the extra day can help organize the major projects so we can get more done on Friday to Sunday. We will start with some clean up of the basements, and prep work for painting the outside of the house as well as finishing some of the interior projects that didn't get completed last year.

The big projects are projected to be painting the south side exterior of the house (weather dependent), cleaning out the basement of materials we will never use to make room for more recreational facilities, and just make it look more presentable. We have many boxes of club archives that need to be put in the file cabinets to get them off the floor in case of a flood. The workshop area needs additional organization and straightening up to allow the use of the materials we have.

If we recoat before the maple floor in the dining room is beat up, it doesn't require a full sanding and is much less expensive. We are planning on having the floor recoated after the work party. So, there will be a final cleanup on Sunday and removal of all the chairs

and tables to make room for the floor recoating.

All volunteers receive a Club use voucher for each full day's work.

Five-year-old SWCer Finishes 12.5K Race of Winona Forest Tourathon

from the Oswego County, NY Facebook page



Aside her father, Eric Seyse, Chizaram weathers the single digit temps and finishes the 7.8-mile course!

On the 40th Anniversary Tourathon, Feb. 8th, we are proud to have had the first 5-year-old to enter the race along with her father, SWC member Eric, who has been a first-place finisher in several Winona Forest Tourathons!

Chizaram (Zara) Seyse, of Scotia, NY, has been on skis since she was 1 year old and mastering 5K courses since she was about 4, and she loves it! She is a member of the Bill Koch Youth Ski League and trains at her local ski area, Maple Ski Ridge.

A 12.5K is almost 8 miles and the course is a challenge for most adult beginners, let alone a 5-year-old! For 3 hours, 49 minutes, and 13 seconds, Chizaram persevered, never thought about quitting, even when she was tired and cold, and crossed the finish line! What an inspiration to other young children to see this little girl take the challenge and finish proudly!

About Winona Forest Recreation Association:

Home to the Winona Forest Cross Country Ski Tourathon, the Tourathon now boasts participation of people ranging age 5 to 75!!! Winona Forest trails groomed for cross country skiing are some of the best trails in the north country! The Winona Forest Recreation Association is a non-profit committed to providing awesome recreational opportunities to outdoor adventurous people. We build trails, groom trails, and put on awesome events. Get more info at <http://www.winonaforest.com/>

Ski Deals

Free Membership to SWC when you buy Epic or Ikon via SWC

Yes, you read that right. Now, tell your friends!

The ski industry is constantly changing, as are the ways we get tickets.

SWC is offering a free membership to every adult purchasing an Epic or Ikon pass through our link on the SWC website, which will be available in early March as soon as the prices are posted for next season.

So, it's simple. The price is the same wherever you buy it. If you travel with us to Breck 2021, you have your pass. If you ski from the ski house or stay local and ski from home, you are ready to go with your pass. Remember a free membership comes along as an extra perk by purchasing it through the SWC club.

So, start watching the website for all the information and dates that this deal is available.

Clubhouse Notes

We Need You to Make a Reservation

Our reservation system is working well for 90+% of those using it. We need all to use the system to allow us to track the usage and avoid conflicts over room occupancy. If, for some reason, you have a last minute change in plans and find yourself at the clubhouse without a reservation, please log onto the website and look to see what rooms are not going to be used that night and reserve the room you prefer and put that room number next to your name in the sign-in sheet. Many people arrive late so you cannot assume a bed is available just because it is empty at 6:00 in the evening. If you have made a reservation for a room and find it occupied, please feel free to ask the occupant to vacate the room. After all, you have paid for the bed and they haven't. If you decide to extend your stay by a day or two, make sure to use the system to reserve your bed for those extra days to avoid someone asking you to leave because they have paid for that bed for that night.

Ellen Bidell, at swsctreasurer123@gmail.com, is watching the reservation system and can answer your questions about the system. She is the only person who can change a reservation once it has been paid for, so email her if you need to cancel or change a paid reservation. See the note about Canceling and Changing Reservations elsewhere in the newsletter.

Housekeeping Items

Reservations: Make reservations for all stays. From the SWCweb.org homepage, go to "Make a Reservation" and use the password on your

membership card.
Door Combination: The door combination is on your membership card.

Sign-in: Sign in at the guest register at the podium in the fireplace room when you arrive.

Others: If you arrive and it does not appear that others have all signed in, please remind them to sign in. We need to know who was there.

Payments: You should pay before arrival. If not, pay using the reservation system before you leave. If you cannot pay electronically, and mail in the payment, remember that payments made more than 7 days after usage will be surcharged an extra \$10. Use billing forms to mail in payments.

Smoking: It is not allowed anywhere in the 150-year-old building or on the wooden patio.

Temperature control: Individual room thermostats-turn them off when you leave. There are also heat vents in all the first-floor rooms; remove the heat control boards if you need heat. Replace them when you leave.

Meals: Dinner is only served on Saturdays and hosted periods. The refrigerator is stocked with breakfast meats, eggs, frozen OJ & coffee for breakfast. We do not provide materials for lunch. There are great restaurants in the Waterbury/Stowe area. Try the Apple Core diner next to the Clubhouse for lunch.

Patio: The same combination opens the patio door. The patio is wood; do not smoke on the patio.

Outdoor cooking: Never use a charcoal grill on the wooden deck.

Problems: Please notify Bill Kornrumpf if there are any issues (see: Names and Numbers).

When you leave: Turn main thermostats in kitchen and office to 55. Close and insert the locking pins in all the windows on the first floor (we have had break-ins). Lock both doors (patio & driveway).

Canceling/Changing Clubhouse Reservations: You Cannot Do it by Yourself!

If you need to cancel or change a reservation, email Ellen Bidell at swstreasurer123@gmail.com and tell her how you would like a refund, if needed. You can ask for a refund to the card you used, vouchers for future usage, or gift the money to the Club.

Submissions for the Chatter

Content submissions for the SWC Newsletter should be emailed to swcchatter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month and should include a contact name and phone number. Content that needs to be run in subsequent Newsletters must be resubmitted each month.

Names and Numbers to Remember

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Change of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to:

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**Do not send to the editor or the Club PO Box; they will get lost*

Ski Council Appreciation Days

*Bolton Valley: \$42 all season, except 1/1, 1/17-20, 2/12-23

*Maple Ski Ridge: \$15 every Wed, Thu, Fri exc 2/19-21

*West Mountain: \$30 for 4-hour weekdays, \$40 for 4-hour weekends

*Butternut non-holidays: \$45

*Catamount non-holidays: \$30 Monday-Friday, \$50 weekend

See each mountain's website for details

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 1 Hunter \$50 Oak \$30	2 Hunter \$45 Whiteface \$44 Loon \$61	3 Loon \$61	4	5	6 Killington \$55 Pico \$40 Mt. Snow \$45	7 Killington \$65 Pico \$45 Mt. Snow \$56
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15 Oak \$30	16 Belleayre \$38 Gore \$42	17	18	19	20 Mt. Snow \$45 Attitash \$37	21 Mt. Snow \$56 Attitash \$47
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5 Killington \$55	6 Killington \$55	7	8	9	10	11

ATTACH CUSTOMER # 33920700

VALID 02/06/2020; 03/25/2020 – 3/26/2020

Ticket Type	PHC	Cost
Adult (13-64) 1 Day	115821	\$99.00
Adult 2 Day	115843	\$194.00
Adult 3 Day	115844	\$276.00
Adult 4 Day	115845	\$360.00
Adult 5 Day	115846	\$440.00
Child (5-12) 1 Day	115847	\$84.00
Child 2 Day	115848	\$164.00
Child 3 Day	115849	\$234.00
Child 4 Day	115850	\$308.00
Child 5 Day	115851	\$375.00
Senior (65+) 1 Day	115852	\$92.00
Senior 2 Day	115853	\$180.00
Senior 3 Day	115854	\$258.00
Senior 4 Day	115855	\$336.00
Senior 5 Day	115856	\$410.00

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A new look for room 14 by Martha and Kirby VanVleet.

Schenectady Wintersports Club
Northern New York Paddlers
PO Box 228
Schenectady, New York 12301

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Membership Renewal Application 2019-2020

Membership is from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020

Please check your Newsletter delivery preference:

Email version of the Newsletter _____ (this saves trees & club resources)

Receive Newsletter by postal mail: _____ (slower, higher club cost)

Name _____

Age Group (circle one) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal

☐ \$25 individual or ☐ \$35 Family

For Family Membership, please indicate:

Name of Spouse _____

Age Group (circle one) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members _____

To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 or 18 and still in High School.

Interested in volunteering? Circle any that you are interested in: Clubhouse, SWC Board, Snow Show, NY Capital District Ski Council, Activities, Warren Miller Movie, hiking, biking, and other Club help such as outreach. **Make check payable to SWC** and mail with the completed application to

John Boscarino, 126 Polsin Dr., Schenectady, NY 12303-2516